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Macbeth

Macbeth goes through changes during the play which is between ambition and obsession. Ambition is a powerful trait in order to be successful in your goal but that desire can slowly turn into an obsession. Macbeth's ambition drove him to become king but in order to achieve that he had to kill his friends. He became more evil and the killings turned to an obsession. The moment Macbeth changes is when Macbeth kills Banquo because he wants to maintain the power he has.

Before Macbeth changed he had morals and still cared about others feelings. "Be innocent of the knowledge, dearest chuck, Till thou applaud the deed" (3.2.51-52). Macbeth is speaking to Lady Macbeth saying she's better off not knowing until the deed is done. He is aware that he is becoming more evil and inhuman. Macbeth doesn't want to drag Lady Macbeth into his plan; he shows concern for his wife. He says this because he cares for his wife and because he doesn't want her to stop him from doing the deed. Macbeth had to keep it a secret in order to maintain his power.

Macbeth starts to show an obsession after the killing of Banquo and Fleance escape. "Then comes my fit again. I had else been perfect, Whole as

a marble, founded as the rock, As broad and general as the casing air. But now I am cabined, cribbed, confined, bound into saucy doubts and fears"(3.4.23-27). Macbeth is furious when he finds out Fleance escaped. Macbeth says that his frustrations are coming back, everything was perfect and not a single flaw in the "marble". Macbeth is now sheltered in his doubts and fears that he will lose his title and power all because Fleance escaped.

Macbeth before quote shows that he was still a good person but the after quote showed the evil side. People have ambitions and obsessions whether it is towards an object or person. I think the world would be stable without obsessions. Ambition already drives people to their goal but obsession adds more fuel to the fire. People become more greedy and selfish when they get to their goal because they want more. That greediness can leave them with nothing or not even bring them more happiness.

Thesis

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